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1. WE MET WITH AMBASSADOR ROTH ON NOVEMBER 10 TO MAKE THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. WE PROVIDED ROTH WITH A NON-PAPER BASED UPON PARAS 2-6.

2. ROTH THANKED US FOR THE NON-PAPER AND ADVISED THAT THE FRG WOULD PROVIDE A CONSIDERED RESPONSE. ROTH THEN EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE SOVIETS WILL IN FACT PRESS HARD FOR EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS OF NON-US ALLIES. THIS BEING THE CASE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ALLIANCE TO HAVE ITS POSITION READY FOR USE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. ROTH REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION THE NEED TO REACT AT SECRET

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THE PROPER TIME WITH ANSWERS BASED UPON THE POSITION

PAPER IN CASE THE SOVIETS ASK THE EXPECTED QUESTIONS. ROTH SAID IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FORESEE THE EXACT TACTICAL NEGOTIATING SITUATION, BUT THAT WE CAN BE CERTAIN THE SOVIETS WILL RAISE SOMETHING UNEXPECTED WHICH WILL REQUIRE FURTHER ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS.

3. ROTH SEIZED UPON THE WORD "AUTOMATICALLY" IN PARA 5 REFTEL. ROTH SAID THE FRG HAD NEVER TALKED ABOUT AUTOMATICITY, BUT RATHER HAD ARGUED THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ANSWER SHOULD BE READY FOR USE. HE SAID THE FRG'S MAIN CONCERN IS TO AVOID PREJUDICING PHASE II BY WHAT HAPPENS IN PHASE I.

4. IN ACCORDANCE PARA 7 REFTEL, WE ADVISED ROTH THAT THE FRG'S "COMPROMISED TEXT" WAS A STEP BACKWARDS. ROTH REPLIED THAT THE FRG WAS ONLY TRYING TO BE HELPFUL. HE NOTED, SPEAKING CONFIDENTIALLY, THAT THE UK INTRODUCTION OF PAAS 4-10 WAS LARGELY AT THE INSTANCE OF JOHN THOMSON, AND THAT THE FRG HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PERSUADE HIM NOT TO TABLE THE PROPOSAL BUT RATHER TO WORK WITH THE DRAFT LANGUAGE LABORIOUSLY AGREED UPON IN NATO. ROTH CONTINUED THAT THE FRG HAD NO INTENTION OF GETTING CAUGHT BETWEEN THE US AND UK FRONT LINES. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE US STRONGLY OBJECTED TO THE NEW UK PROPOSAL, ROTH ORDERED THE FRG NATO REP TO WITHDRAW THE "COMPROMISE TEXT". THIS SHOULD BE DONE AT THE NOVEMBER 10 SPC MEETING.
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